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Two members not enrolled

Senate ponders eligibility

By TIM TRUDELL
Senior Reporter

A founding member of the Party In Progress (PIP) may be removed from the UNO Student Senate, along with the 1987 homecoming king.

Student Sens. Dan Kennedy and Guy Rudloff have not enrolled for classes this semester and that can be grounds to remove them from the senate, Student Senate Chief Administrative Officer Bryan Howell said.

The seats can probably be considered open, Howell said. However, if they are enrolled by the next official meeting (Feb. 11) Kennedy and Rudloff will probably be seated, he added.

A check of the registrar's office at the end of the drop/add period revealed neither had registered for the spring semester, Howell said.

Kennedy and Rudloff said they were both out of town during enrollment.

"However, if they are allowed to be enrolled by special permission, we'll probably hold the seat open for them," Howell said.

Kennedy, who represents graduate students, was senate speaker in 1987. He, along with President/Regent Joe Kerrigan and (former President/Regent) R.L. Kerrigan, founded the PIP about three years ago. He was also the 1987 UNO homecoming king.

Kennedy said he was not sure about his plans for this semester.

"I probably won't know until the last day of enrollment what I'll do," Kennedy said. "Who knows, maybe I'll take a cooking class or something."

He probably won't be at this week's senate goal-setting meeting if he isn't enrolled by Thursday, Kennedy said.

"I may resign anyway," Kennedy said. "I'm getting kind of burned out. It may be time to let others take over."

Rudloff, who represents the College of Continuing Studies, was more concrete in his decision.

"It's 98 percent sure I'll be enrolled this semester," Rudloff said.

If Kennedy or Rudloff are not at the next meeting, Howell said he will inform the senate that the senators are removed.

Once the senate speaker is notified, applications will be accepted for the positions, Howell said.

Kennedy and Rudloff could apply for the positions if they are removed and have enrolled after the Feb. 11 meeting, Howell said. However, that would probably be highly unlikely, he added.

Another senator has resigned, Howell said. Gretchen Vanteicher, who represented Arts and Sciences, resigned to devote more time to her studies, he said.

UNO pickle funding uncertain

By TIM TRUDELL
Senior Reporter

Several proposals that could jeopardize UNO pickle card funding will be addressed by the Legislature this year.

Gov. Orr has introduced a proposal to the Legislature that would restrict pickle card sales, including sales to non-profit organizations only and close businesses that have not been in the industry for at least 10 years.

The governor cited an industry "fraught with abuse" as the main reason for her proposal.

The only organizations allowed to sell pickle cards under the governor's plan will be charities, churches, educational organizations, civic leagues, fraternal orders and lodges, veterans groups and auxiliaries and volunteer fire departments, said Roger Hirsch, deputy state tax commissioner.

Where does that leave UNO?

UNO's Maverick Club (a sport's booster club), started selling pickle cards in 1987 as a

means to offset budget cuts by the Legislature in 1985 and 1986. UNO's athletic department was in serious financial trouble and looked toward the card sales as an additional form of much needed revenue.

UNO's goal was to raise \$50,000 a year with the remaining profits being placed into an endowment fund for the athletic department, said Athletic Director Bobby Thompson.

UNO stands to lose at least \$50,000 a year under the Orr proposal, Thompson said.

"We don't have any alternative plans right now," Thompson said. "I guess we'll have to sit down and get ready for that possibility."

Thompson was not sure if UNO officials would lobby the Legislature against the bill.

"I haven't talked to (Chancellor) Del Weber yet," he said. "It's up to him on what we'll do. We still have to meet with the Maverick Club and discuss what we'll do."

"Though the club isn't part of the university,

See Pickles on 3



—Scot Shugart

Student Protestors

A group of Muslim UNO students protested outside the Milo Bail Student Center last week. The protest centered on alleged Israeli deportation and aggression against Palestinians as well as the U.S. supplying arms to Israel.

Johnson submits arts bill

By STEVE CHASE
Senior Reporter

An education appropriation's bill which would fund plans to build a new performing arts center at UNO received first round approval in the Nebraska State Legislature Jan. 20.

If passed, LB1141 would provide \$400,000 in state tax funds to hire architects and construction planners for the project.

The proposed structure would house departments for creative writing, theater and art. The Fine Arts Gallery and the Fine Arts Press would also be moved to the new center along with the office of the Dean of Fine Arts.

Sen. Vard Johnson of Omaha, who introduced LB1141, said if approved, UNO would return in a few years to ask for more money to start the actual construction.

Johnson estimates the total cost of the building, known as the Performing Arts Center II, would be around \$8 million. The current Performing Arts Center houses the Department of Music.

Johnson said he isn't sure how the bill will do in the Legislature, but said he hopes it passes with little opposition.

"Some of the proposal talks have gone well," Johnson said. "Money could be a problem. It always is in situations like this. You always have

some people who think it (the amount requested in the bill) is too much."

David L. Shrader, the Dean of Fine Arts at UNO, said he wasn't sure where the new center will be located. Building possibilities are limited, but the most probable site would be near the UNO Art Gallery, which is located near the southwest corner of the Library.

The new building would also include a class that Shrader refers to as an art "prep school."

"This is essentially pre-college training in the arts taught by members of the Omaha Symphony," he said.

Shrader, who supports the bill, said the idea for a new performance center started about two years ago. It is necessary because of demands on current facilities and the cry for better student and public fine arts facilities in Omaha, he said.

Members of the Omaha arts community have encouraged passage of the bill, he said.

"Omaha Ballet and Opera Omaha are among our biggest supporters," Shrader said.

"The Omaha Symphony didn't want to get involved at first," he said. "They weren't too excited about the possibility of having people use the performing hall at UNO over what they use."

"But they showed more support when they saw some of the programs we had to offer such as the prep school," Shrader said.

Orr's proposal supports state scholarship funding

By JOHN ROOD
News Editor

After a nine-year wait, local financial aid officials say they are encouraged by a proposal to fund a dormant state scholarship program.

Earlier this month, Gov. Kay Orr announced a proposal to fund a \$750,000 state scholarship program. The program was created in 1979 by the Legislature, but never funded.

"It has existed as a funding mechanism for which there has been nothing to fund it with," State Sen. Dave Landis said.

If funding is approved by the Legislature, the state scholarship program would provide aid to Nebraska students at both public and private Nebraska colleges and universities.

Scholarships constitutional

Scholarships for students at private schools are probably what held up funding for the program in the first place, according to Creighton University Financial Aid Director Bob Walker.

"For a long time (after the program was created) there were several court tests being directed towards the private schools," Walker said. He is a past president of the Nebraska Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Some taxpayers went to court in an effort to declare the program unconstitutional because they felt students at private colleges shouldn't receive state tax dollars. The court later decided in favor of the private colleges, but until now the program has been forgotten, he said.

"They (the Legislature) just decided there were other priorities," Walker said.

Funding for the program would bring Nebraska in line with other states that offer scholarships to their students, he said. The \$750,000 could be combined with federal seed money to broaden the scope of aid available to Nebraska students, Walker said.

Under the federal State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) program, students receive scholarship on the condition that the college matches the federal grant. Public institutions receive matching money from the state, while private schools pay for the grants out of their own pockets, he said.

Federal cuts

State money would also help to make up for federal deficit reduction cuts. Nationwide, the total amount appropriated for SSIG this year will be about \$73 million. That's \$3 million less than last year, Walker said.

Demands on federal dollars and changes in federal grant philosophy make a state scholarship program especially important, UNO Financial Aid Director J. Phillip Shreves said.

Under the Reagan administration, the federal philosophy for student aid has changed, Shreves said. "The emphasis on the federal level is now on the loan program."

The loan program has its place, Shreves said, but without some scholarship help many students graduate with a disadvantage to others.

"It's hard, particularly for lower-income students, to get

started with that kind of debt hanging over their heads."

Nebraska lags

Even if state money is approved, Nebraska would still lag behind most other states, Walker said.

"We're not even in the ballgame," he said.

Walker used Iowa as an example. "Gov. Branstad has proposed an additional \$4.6 million in spending." Even when Iowa's larger population is factored out, Nebraska still lags behind, he said.

This year, however, funding for education in Nebraska has become a priority, Landis said.

"It has gone from a possibility to a probability," Landis said. Funding for the scholarship program is likely because of an overall concern about higher education in the state, he said. "It doesn't hurt that \$750,000 is a relatively small part of the \$26.9 million in increased funding for education that Orr has proposed, he added."

"The number she picked has made it much more likely. It really increases the possibility that the scholarship program will be funded," Landis said.

Landis said he planned to study Orr's proposal before deciding what portions of it to support. "The governor's budget is somewhat of a mystery to us (the senators)," he said.

Orr has done a good job of pleasing various different interest groups, Landis said, but how the proposal is greeted in the Legislature remains to be seen.

"I've taken a wait-and-see approach," he said.

Comment

Belltower a symbol of UNO's excellence

The argument that the money to be spent on construction of the Henningson Memorial Campanile, more commonly known as "the belltower," would be better off spent on other, "more important matters," is a moot argument.

The fact of the matter is, Margre Durham, along with her husband, have donated greatly in many ways to this university. A recent example is the money they donated for the new Durham Science Building, a building that is both beneficial to the students academically and is attractive to those outside of the university environment who might, for the first time with its construction, begin to notice the progress being made in modernizing our campus.

Mrs. Durham's donation of the campanile is certainly a generous one. It shouldn't be taken for granted. The belltower will stand as a symbol of UNO's prestige and constant strive toward excellence in all it hopes to achieve. Though some might argue that the money would be better spent in other directions, the fact is that the person donating the money wants it to go to the tower. She has earned the right to decide how she wants to donate her resources.

A couple years from now, after the belltower has become commonly recognized as part of our campus, no one will be able to remember the arguments against its construction anyway. The university will continue to reap the profits of its construction long after the critics have gone.

—TIM McMAHAN

Football at top of state totem pole

Osborne pay increase questioned

The Cornhusker State.

Where else but Nebraska does an employee make more than his boss? OK, so there are exceptions. But once you get to the top of the heap, you generally expect to be making more than the guy working under you.

Especially if you're involved in academics, where one would expect to have a salary arrived at logically.

John Rood Gateway Columnist

Especially if you're the chancellor of a large Midwestern university.

Especially if you work at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and you're name is Martin Massengale.

At the Jan. 16th Board of Regents meeting, UN-L Chancellor Martin Massengale spoke up in hopes of getting an employee's salary raised above his own.

Was the employee an especially gifted instructor? Or did he explore some exciting new area of research? Maybe he did something really unique—like develop a plan to solve the farm crisis.

What could he do, at a time when other university employees are being told the state can't afford their raises? Who is this man? What exceptional thing did he do for his boss, his university and his state?

His name is Tom Osborne. He won ten football games. And the sad truth is, in the Cornhusker State, that's enough.

The Cornhusker State is no longer a motto, it's a way of thinking. It places football at the top of the state totem pole, with everyone else forced, whether they like it or not, to strain their heads upwards to marvel the spectacle that is Big Red football.

It's a state of mind that causes the local daily to send more reporters and photographers to a football game than it does to most news stories.

It's a state that cares more about the quality of the athlete it recruits, than the quality of the instructor it recruits.

It's a state that guarantees it will never be anything more.

It's not Osborne's fault. He's hired to win football games, and except where Oklahoma's involved, he does a pretty good job. Everybody loves a winner, and that's one reason given for Ozzy's raise.

Around the country, the media tells us college presidents are trying to regain control from the athletic department. As chancellor, Massengale has tried to put himself in a leadership position during NCAA meetings.

And yet when leadership really counted, when the eyes of the academic community looked to him for support, Massengale looked the other way. And punted.

The numbers tell the rest of the story...

Tom Osborne - UN-L football coach, \$97,900
Martin Massengale - UN-L chancellor, \$94,530
Del Weber - UNO chancellor, \$84,100
Kay Orr - governor, \$58,000
Sandy Buda - UNO football coach, \$43,619

'Wimp factor' plays key role in upcoming election

As you read this, all the 1988 Presidential candidates are across the river milking cows and talking to women's auxiliary groups.

If you watch any of the local television stations, you can see them spending big bucks on commercials that will not only make them look as a tough leader but also someone you'd trust to date your younger sister.

These are typical events that go on during the campaigning for the Iowa caucuses on Feb. 9. This is usually regarded as the official beginning of the 1988 presidential campaign.

This primary that takes place here in the heartland is very important. It can make or break a candidate's chance for president.

1. **Qualifications.** Working in politics is just like any job. Sometimes getting a job depends on who you know, what you say or what you've done.

2. **Previous leadership positions.** Every time I've applied for a job, the employer wants to know what I've done and where I've worked. The same idea applies here.

3. **Educational background.** I believe the obscurity of a person's school is a great asset for authority. Under this logic, anybody from UNO is destined for world domination.

4. **"Wimp Factor."** It is a golden rule of

American politics that we have as few wimps as possible in government. Otherwise we'd be pushed around by every Third-world nation on the planet.

A candidate's wimpiness is rated on a scale

Steve Chase Gateway Columnist

from 0 (least wimpy) to 100 (extremely wimpy).

Look for the Democrat Party hopefuls in the Feb. 3 issue.

GEORGE BUSH

Qualifications:

President Reagan's "I'll helper."

Experience: Has held many insignificant but key positions in government such as Vice President of the United States and director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

School: Yale

Wimp Factor: 98.6%

Comments: If supporters want Bush to win Iowa, they should send him steroids instead of money.

BOB DOLE

Qualifications: Good with agriculture and is from the Midwest (Kansas). Iowa farmers like that kind of stuff.

Experience: 27 years in Congress, now holds the position of Senate Minority Leader; a position that is much more important than Vice President.

School: Washburn Municipal University.

Wimp Factor: 12

Comments: The one to win in Iowa.

JACK KEMP

Qualifications: Quarterback of the Buffalo Bills, President and Co-founder of the American Football League (AFL).

Experience: House of Representatives, 15 years.

School: Long Beach St. University, California Western University.

Wimp Factor: 7

Comments: If I had to pick a jock for president, I'd rather have John Madden.

PAT ROBERTSON

Qualifications: Founded the 700 Club and creator of miracles such as the way he miraculously got out of combat during the Korean War.

Experience: none

School: Lee University, Yale

Wimp Factor: 63

Comments: Lord, help us,

ALEXANDER HAIG

Qualifications: Made the rank of Major-General in the U.S. Army, scared a lot of people when he stared yelling "I am in charge here!" when President Reagan got shot in 1981.

Experience: Commander of NATO forces, Secretary of State under Reagan until he started acting crazy.

School: West Point

Wimp Factor: 0

Comments:

He acts too much like Stanley Kubrick's character "Dr. Strangelove" in times of crisis.

PETE DU PONT

Qualifications: Has lots of money from making a popular brand of house paint.

Experience: House of Representatives, two years; Governor of Delaware, 10 years.

School: Princeton, Harvard.

Wimp Factor: 85.4

Comments: Stick to making glossy Latex house paint, Pete. If you really need something to spend your money on, invest in small universities throughout the Midwest.



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News Briefs

Student seminars

Interview workshops to help students with their job search will be conducted Wednesday, Jan. 27 at noon in the State Room, Milo Bail Student Center and Thursday, Jan. 28 at 12 noon in the Gallery Room of MBSC. The workshops are sponsored by Career Planning and Placement Services.

New unit leader

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Troy D. Krings assumed command of the Maverick Battalion, UNO's Army ROTC unit Tuesday, Jan. 12. Krings is responsible for the operation, training, morale, welfare and administration of the unit, according to Capt. Bill Merza, assistant professor, military science.

Scholarships available

Phi Delta Gamma is offering three \$250 scholarships to women graduate students who have met the qualifications of having been admitted to candidacy for a graduate degree and who are currently enrolled for six or more semester hours.

Applications for the scholarships will be accepted until March 31, 1988 in the Graduate Office, Eppley 204. The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of ability and the promise of success. Ability shall be evaluated in terms of excellence in academic scholarship, character, leadership and personality.

Survival course

A college survival course on general study and test-taking skills is being offered by the College of Continuing Studies and the Learning Resource Center. The course is designed to improve note-taking and listening skills by discussion and practice.

The sessions will be held February 25 and March 3 from 5:30

to 7 p.m. in the Peter Kiewit Conference Center. Fee is \$15. Call 554-8309 to register.

Mike Boyle speaks

The UNO chapter of the Young Democrats will host a meeting featuring former Omaha Mayor Mike Boyle. Boyle will speak on the importance of participation in the political process. The meeting is scheduled Wednesday, Jan. 27 at 5:30 p.m. in the Omaha Room, MBSC. The public is welcome.

Application deadline

Graduate students planning to graduate on May 7th must apply for their degree in the Registrar's Office by March 4th. Students can call the Graduate Office, 554-2341, to make sure all materials necessary for graduation are on file.

Cooking contest

Entries are being accepted for "A Taste of Soul," a cooking contest held in conjunction with Black History Month. The contest, sponsored by the UNO Spiritual and Gospel Choir, is open to UNO faculty, staff and students. Judging will take place Feb. 10 in the MBSC Ballroom. Deadline for entries is Jan. 29. For more information contact Negleatha Johnson, Career Placement, 554-2333.

FAF workshops

Two workshops have been scheduled to assist current UNO students in properly and accurately completing the 1988-89 Financial Aid Form (FAF). The first session will be held Tuesday, Jan. 26 from noon to 1:30 p.m. The second session is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 5 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Both workshops

will be held in the Eppley Administration Building auditorium.

Financial aid videotapes

Two videotapes dealing with financial aid are now available for viewing in the Microform area in the lower level of the UNO library. The tapes deal with FAF guidelines and options for dealing with the expenses of a college education.

Book review/discussion

A book review/discussion of the book "American Professors: A National Resource Imperiled", will be held Jan. 28, in Dodge Room A, MBSC from 11:30 to 1 p.m. The review, presented by English Professor Bruce Baker, is sponsored by the Center for Improvement of Instruction. Reservations are being taken now through 5 p.m., Jan. 26 by calling 554-2427.

Army ROTC assignments

Thirteen UNO ARMY ROTC cadet seniors will be reporting for special training prior to their first functional assignment in the Army. Of the 13 eligible cadets, eight will go on active duty while five have elected to remain with local Army Reserve units in the Omaha area, said Bill Merza, UNO Army ROTC Dept.

Blood pressure testing

Free blood pressure testing and diabetic screening will be held Wednesday, Feb. 3 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Goodwill facility on 41st and Pacific St. Testing and screening is offered at no charge and is sponsored by Goodwill Industries, Foster Medical Corporation and the Douglas County Health Department. For more information, call Goodwill at 341-4609.

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it is a key support group," Thompson said.

"The plan would eliminate sellers and operators," Hirsch said. "It would also restrict sales to organizations that have been in existence for at least 10 years."

"The places would also have to have sources of income other than gaming of at least 50 percent."

Another major impact of the plan would be the increase of taxes on the pickle card industry, Hirsch said.

"We plan to increase taxes from 3 percent to 10 percent," he said.

State revenue from the industry was \$4 million in 1987. He has no idea of how much the state will bring in under the plan, Hirsch added.

Reasons for the governor's plan include alleged fraud and abuse of the system, he said.

Hirsch cited violations discovered during 33 audits of pickle card businesses in 1987, which included:

- \$1.5 million in profits not accounted for by the Society of St. Martin DePorres, an Omaha church that was one of the biggest pickle card sellers in the state until it stopped sales in 1986.

- Four organizations diverted \$699,000 to consultants over a 30-month period.

- One organization donated \$104,000 in pickle card profits to another organization to offset bingo game losses.

- Embezzlement of \$100,000 by an official of one organization.

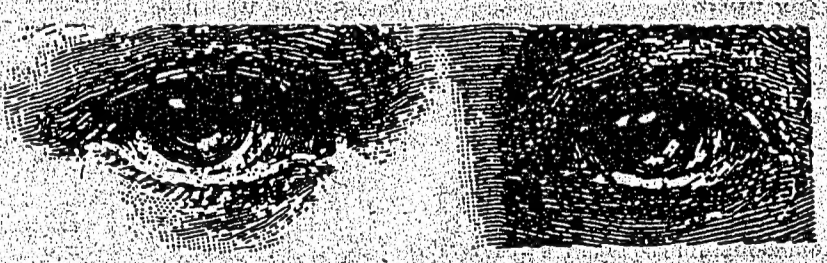
Other bills that have been introduced in the Legislature to restrict pickle card sales include:

- LB295-Which would establish regulations and procedures for licensees, agents and others involved in charity fund-raising. The legislation is sponsored by the General Affairs Committee.

- LB827-Which would restrict where pickle cards are sold and would require a state license. Would also require businesses to earn at least half of their income from food and beverages. The bill's sponsor is Sen. Elroy Hefner.

- LB960-Which would restrict sales by organizations to their county and one adjacent county. Non-profit organizations must be in business at least one year before they could be licensed. Hefner is the sponsor.

- LB1214-Which would ban pickle card sales. The bill's sponsor is Sen. Patricia Morehead.



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'Over Here!': Omaha actors catch a ride with Caravan

By DAN SWIATEK
Feature Editor

Dian Henderson and Brendan Kelly are two Omaha actors in the transitory stage of an actor's career that some call "paying dues."

It's not really a fair assessment of these two. They're doing better than most actors their age. They've got full-time acting jobs.

Both are members of the nationally known Nebraska Theatre Caravan, the touring branch of the Omaha Community Playhouse. The caravan tours regionally for most of their season, except during Christmas when two more touring groups are assembled to present "A Christmas Carol" nationally.

The work is hard, the pay not exactly lucrative, but they love what they're doing.

"I find that it's not even like a job. It's fun to come to work," Kelly said.

The day of this interview, both had just finished rehearsals for the Playhouse's current production, "Over Here!" which opened Friday. Henderson was catnapping in a backstage lounge; Kelly looked a little drowsy, but both gained their second wind when a photographer showed up.

Definitely actors.

This is their first season with the caravan. Henderson recently graduated from UNO with a M.A. in dramatic arts. She has appeared in productions with the UNO theatre department, the Shaw Center and Omaha's Center Stage. Over the summer, she performed with Shakespeare on the Green, a joint theatre project between UNO and Creighton.

She credits UNO's theater department as being a good training camp.

"UNO is very good. I think it's getting stronger and stronger. With an M.A., you learn about direction, costumes, etc., and UNO is strong in all those areas," she said.

Kelly is three hours short of a bachelor's degree in English from UN-L. You might remember him from his portrayal of Eugene in the Playhouse's version of "Brighton Beach Memoirs," for which he picked up the Playhouse's Critics Award and Fonda-McGuire Award — the youngest actor ever to do so.

As locals, both are proud to be included in the caravan, which includes more Omahans than they've ever had.

"I'm sure they (the Playhouse) see hundreds of auditioners, perhaps thousands. Then they pare it down to the 11 or so that are in the core company," Kelly said.

The 1987-88 caravan toured Nebraska during the fall. This spring, they will also be touring locally as well as cities in Ohio, Texas, Illinois and Indiana — "the real Midwest," Henderson joked.

The range of cities and towns the caravan plays is diverse.

"Some of the halls were gorgeous. In Columbus (Ohio), we played a huge, beautiful hall with murals on the walls. On fall tour, when we were playing smaller towns, the theaters were

tiny; so sometimes we had to chop half the set. It was mainly gym floors.

"But the receptions that we got were very warm, especially in Nebraska. They're all so nice. They'd give us doughnuts in the morning when we were setting up. We were probably the only type of theater that goes through their community," Henderson said.

The Nebraska Theatre Caravan is much like any other professional, national touring theater ensemble. It is somewhat more unique, however, in that it is associated with the largest community theater in the country.

"The Playhouse is an incredible support system. It's the largest community theater of its kind in the country as far as rehearsal space and membership and volunteer staff — it's the largest by far. So, it's really not all that unusual for them to have a professional touring branch. We can afford it. The talent is here," Kelly said.

"And the town supports it. That's the main thing," Henderson said.

When their contract with the caravan ends this fall, they can reapply if they want. Either way, their careers will always involve theater, they said.

"I can't imagine myself doing anything else. I think that if you don't do something you love, you're going to go crazy after awhile," Kelly said.

Henderson knew early on she wanted to be an actress.

"I knew when I was four years old. My mom told me that I was watching TV once and I said, 'I want to do that,'" she said.

Parental support is something they both said they have. Kelly's parents have occasionally grumbled about him finding a more 'sensible' profession. They've become more genial to the idea now.

"My parents are very supportive, but that's not to say they don't worry," he said.

Henderson is in a similar situation.

After Omaha, Henderson is considering a move to Kansas City, Minneapolis "is looking good" to Kelly.

Surprisingly, they don't want to go to New York.

Kelly said today's quality theatre is being produced elsewhere, while Henderson doesn't feel Broadway is absolutely necessary for an actor.

"I have no desire to go to New York. I don't even care if I'm on Broadway. I don't have to be on Broadway to be a success," she said.

London would be ideal, she said. "They support their arts."

After performing "Over Here!" eight times a week at the Playhouse plus touring two additional productions regionally this spring, Henderson has a sense to what the rest of her career might be like, she said.

"It makes me think everything after this will be easier."

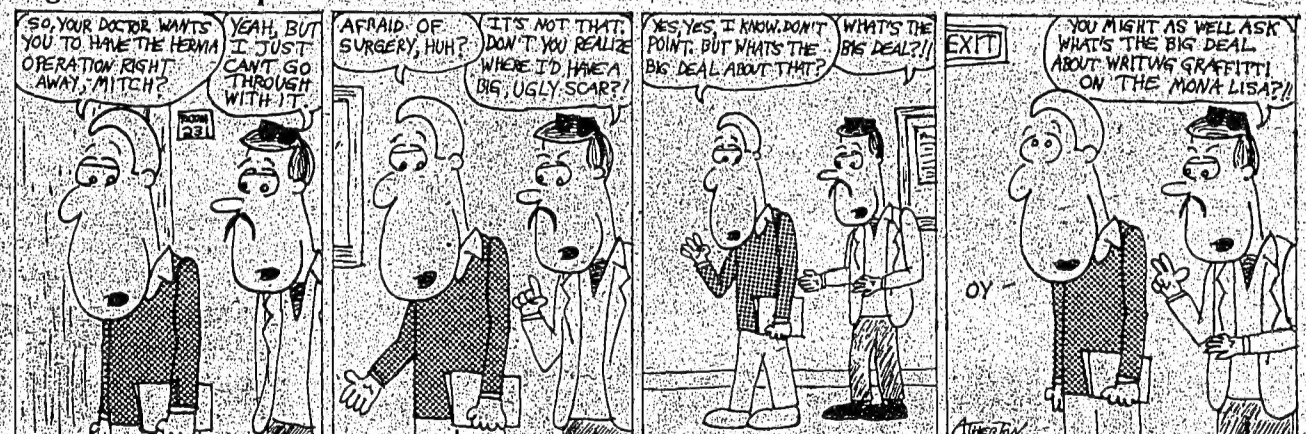


—Jared Olson
Brendan Kelly, left, and Dian Henderson are members of the Nebraska Theatre Caravan's production of "Over Here!" currently playing at the Omaha Community Playhouse.

"I can't imagine myself doing anything else. I think that if you don't do something you love, you're going to go crazy after awhile."

— Brendan Kelly

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The Way it Was... reminiscing about UNO, circa 1941

"There was a fellow by the name of Eugene Eppley. He wanted his name on the library, but the library was already built. So he came out and gave them a check for \$850,000, and that way they had enough money to build the student center." — Don Pflasterer, class of '41

By MELANIE MORRISSEY
Staff Reporter

When Don Pflasterer graduated from then Omaha University in 1941, there was only one building on campus. Arts and Sciences Hall, that was it.

"When you came out of the theater door, right across the way was the bookstore. The library was on the second floor, the cafeteria was in that building. Everything was in that building," Pflasterer said.

"It was all air conditioned. We used to say we had the only all air-conditioned university in the country."

There was a Quonset hut (a small, aluminum shed) behind the building.

"They used to call it 'the shack' and that was our student center," he said.

Pflasterer played football, basketball and track as a student at OU. He was also class president his sophomore, junior and senior year.

The Field House was the second building to be constructed, according to Pflasterer, followed by the Library.

"There was a fellow by the name of Eugene Eppley. He wanted his name on the library, but the library was already built. So he came out and gave them a check for \$850,000, and that way they had enough money to build the student center," he said.

It was called the Eugene Eppley Library until the library became the administration building.

"See, when it used to be OU they couldn't float bonds or anything. They had to have the money before they could even build a building," Pflasterer said.

After Pflasterer graduated from Omaha University, he taught and coached in Iowa for one year, then went into the service for four years and came back to OU in 1946 to teach.

He taught physical education and was assistant football coach until 1948 when he was hired as head basketball coach.

"Believe it or not, when I was coaching here in 1948, we didn't even have a place to practice. We had to go down to Tech High and practice down there at 7:30 at night. The basketball players had to provide their own transportation. They had to get there the best way they could," Pflasterer said.



— Jared Olson

He left the athletic department in the early 1950s to become Dean of Men. This title was later changed to Dean of Students, then to Coordinator of Student Development.

Pflasterer said the job most similar to what his once was is now titled "Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Educational Services."

Students as well as titles have changed.

"At one time, the faculty could say something and the students took it as sacred, but now I think students question things more. You have to prove to them that that's not the way it is," he said.

"And I think students now — I'm not saying they're more intelligent — but they're a lot further advanced than when I was out here. It's the age of computers, and they know a lot more than we knew at that stage."

Omaha University had a few quirky rules of etiquette and procedure during the 50s and 60s. For starters, women couldn't wear slacks in the library.

The Gateway Interview

"Don't ask me why, but that was the rule," he said, "One time one gal came in, and they said, 'You can't come in, you've got slacks on.' So, she went in the ladies restroom and took her slacks off and wore her raincoat, and it was all right."

There was also a time when students were not allowed to bring their books into the dining room. This rule was enacted, Pflasterer said, because there wasn't enough room for both students and books.

"But that was a stupid rule. We had to hire somebody just to make sure they didn't bring their books in. She was the most unpopular woman on campus," he said.

The most difficult duty for Pflasterer to administer as Dean of Students was student parking. His office enforced parking regulations since there was no campus security office.

"We had meters then and you had to feed the meters. It was

kind of funny how they'd try to beat the game, and a lot of them did."

"In the winter time they'd put their nickel in, and then they would squirt the meter with a water gun and it would freeze, and the mechanism wouldn't go. So, they could sit all day in there for a nickel."

The student senate had a great deal of influence during those years, Pflasterer said. What surprised and disappointed him most was the vote to change the university's Indian mascot, "Chief Ouampi," to a Maverick in 1971.

It was changed because of objections in the late 1960s. "They thought it was degrading to Indians," he said.

"All of our tradition was around this Indian. We had a Maie Day Princess, and you'd dress up in Indian attire. We had bonfires, teepees and it was very traditional. We had a lot of school spirit," he said.

Omaha University became the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 1968. Pflasterer's last job at UNO was University Ombudsman.

He listened to the complaints of faculty, staff and students until he retired at the age of 62.

Faculty members griped about not being promoted or tenured. Staff complained about their directors changing their hours.

Students complained about everything: "Night class, if they didn't get a break to go to the restroom; grades, when they thought they were being discriminated against in some way, he said.

Pflasterer likes the changes he sees at UNO.

"I think it's wonderful that the gals have an opportunity to benefit from their abilities and have athletic scholarships," he said.

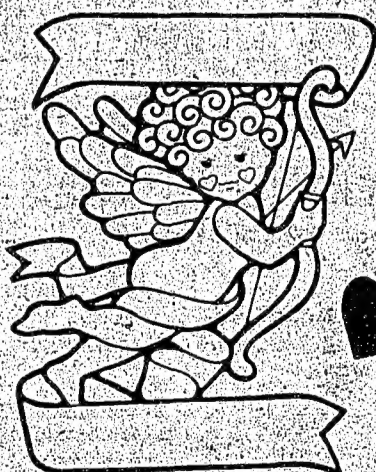
This 70-year-old man misses UNO, but he said he's enjoying retirement.

"The hours are good. The pay's not so good, but the hours are good."

Pflasterer now keeps himself busy by traveling, involving himself in community activities and swimming five times a week.

"I don't sit out on the porch and count cars," he said.

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Three-month stay in Guanjzhou

Professor finds new appreciation for U.S. after China visit

By JERI STUDD
Staff Reporter

"Basically, the Chinese people — the officials of the university — treated us better than their family," said UNO Assistant English Professor Phillip Smith.

Smith, along with his wife, Pat, and their two children, spent three and a half months last year in the city of Guanjzhou (formerly Canton). Smith and his wife, who is an instructor at Metro Tech Community College, taught graduate and undergraduate English majors composition theory, American literature and conversational English at South China Normal University.

They were joined by other professors from Japan, India and Canada.

"We had kind of an international group there," Smith said.

Smith said the Chinese treated the visiting professors very well.

"The living quarters were great, I mean, compared to the living quarters of the average people in the city. The city's huge, about six million people," Smith said.

Living quarters were primitive compared to American standards, Smith said.

"The apartments we lived in were pretty spartan," he said. "We did have water coming into the apartment, but it was cold. And it was not drinking water, you used it basically to bathe or to wash up."

"In China, there are very few cities, none that I know of, that have safe drinking water. So the water you have to use (for drinking) is boiled. That kills all the little red worms that swim in the water."

"That was the first thing that surprised me, when I was taking a bath. I used to compete for space with red worms," he said.

Chinese cooks prepared the professors' food. They ate Cantonese. Rice was a staple food. "It wasn't fancy, but it was good grub — not very fancy, but very tasty," Smith said.

Chinese education

He said he enjoyed the opportunity to learn about Chinese education. Though the Chinese view education as being important, Smith said there were still some problems in their system.

One of the primary differences Smith noticed was the Chinese belief very heavily in specialization — steering a student towards a certain profession, especially at the college level.

"They don't teach the whole person," Smith said. "The college students that my wife and I taught started specializing the first year in college."

Smith's students specialized in English education.

"They take very few liberal arts courses. Both my wife and I noted that our students knew very little about what was going on outside their own field," Smith said.

In one case, Smith asked his students where they were all from. Naturally, they could all name the town or village.

"I said, 'Well, how far is that from Guanjzhou?'" Smith asked. One student said "one million miles." Another student admitted not knowing.

"So I said, 'Where is it?' in relation to Guanjzhou. And many of my students could not tell me. They had no sense of direction."

"I understand that, because in China, transportation is very difficult. You're really lucky if you are able to even travel," he said.

Ethnocentrism

As a result, most people stay in the same village all their lives. This leads to ethnocentrism, Smith said.

"They judged everything in relation to their home culture."



Smith

College life in China struck Smith as interesting. "It's very unusual compared to our college campus," he said.

For starters, Chinese students are stacked eight to a dorm room — the same size as an average American dorm room — making it difficult for study.

Where American students typically scatter off campus for jobs or dates, the Chinese students head back to the classroom, Smith said.

"The classrooms are used for studying," said Smith. "You go by there and they're just working their tails off. There's nobody

... the water you have to use (for drinking) is boiled. That kills the little red worms that swim in the water. That was the first thing that surprised, when I was taking a bath. I used to compete for space with red worms."

— Phillip Smith

there supervising, they just do it. The students are really in there studying from six in the evening until eleven thirty. And this is on Saturday nights."

This is not to say Chinese students have no social life. Smith told of a college dance that he and his wife were invited to.

He said their music consists of American, John Travolta-style disco and a Chinese deviation of it. "It's kind of a hybrid disco-Chinese song, and they really get down," he said.

In reality, the dancing itself struck him as very formal — "like going back to my high school dance 25 years ago," he said.

"Chinese college students are comparable socially, emotion-

ally, to our junior high students," Smith said.

Dating

This is due to a lack of personal experiences, Smith said. Even at the dances, many girls dance with girls and boys dance with boys. For a very good reason: They don't date.

"Dating is not allowed in college, or middle school (the Chinese version of high school). Now, that doesn't mean the students don't date. They can do it on the sly, but if they get caught, they get kicked out of school," he said.

It's administration-threatened expulsion. In reality, they aren't too strict, he said.

"There were a boy and girl in my class that were a real hot item," said Smith. "And everybody knew that they were going down to the lake every night. On campus, all the lovers end up down around the lake. Everybody knows it, but my students said that the administrators have one eye open and one eye closed."

"I think they (the administrators) do something if it's really obvious, out in the open," Smith said.

There is one basic sameness between Chinese and American students. They both complain about the food. As Smith pointed out, the Chinese have more reason to complain.

"In terms of sanitation," he said, commenting on the students' cafeteria, "The Board of Health in the United States would just throw up their hands if they saw what the students ate."

"Sometimes, there was all kinds of debris in their food. You'd find leaves in their food, things like that."

In comparison to American living, life was very difficult for the Smiths. It took them half of the day just to go downtown to get milk for their two boys, Smith said.

"I'm sure glad of having this experience," Smith said. "I think it made us more appreciative of what we've got here."

OBSERVER Crossword

Edited by Charles Preston

Can It

ACROSS

1. Disconcerted

8. Doleful souls

15. Silver-lead alloy

22. Site of 1944 Allied landing

23. Prickly Sp.

24. Pacific coast evergreen

25. With 146-

across quote by Virgil

27. Vast, as the sea

28. Charged atom

29. Russian flag

30. Idler

31. French style

32. Econ. Co-op

33. Immortals

35. Regular comb.

37. Greek mythical

39. Floating; corklike

40. Happening

42. Novice

44. — much a head

45. Unrefined

46. Vice

47. Talent

49. Comic strip

51. Nth degree

52. Rite

54. Daring

56. 14th century

58. Weavers

62. English manor

64. Cross tide

65. Jan

68. One dial

69. List of candidates

71. Full house: Sp.

73. Sudan thorn

75. Hedge

77. Ogden

79. River to North

81. Arabian Night

adventurer

DOWN

82. Dirks

84. See 48-down

87. Mountain lakes

88. Aviator

90. Architectural ornaments

91. Enrico

93. Heroic yarn

94. Quibbler

96. Astern: naut.

98. California white oak

100. Mature, to his friends

101. Knights

Errant: abbr.

102. Annul

104. Propagation shoot

106. — top

108. Prodigal

111. Sea eagles

113. Delicacy of wine: Fr.

114. Alma

116. Silver: abbr.

118. Emergence

120. Love, French

style

124. Twinges

125. Lamb's pseudonym

127. — weed

128. Perceive

129. River into the Loire

130. Curl up; wither

133. Insulted dial

136. Hoodwink

137. Reference: abbr.

138. WWII area

139. Procreates

141. Diva's renditions

143. Samoan

144. South American

146. See 25-across

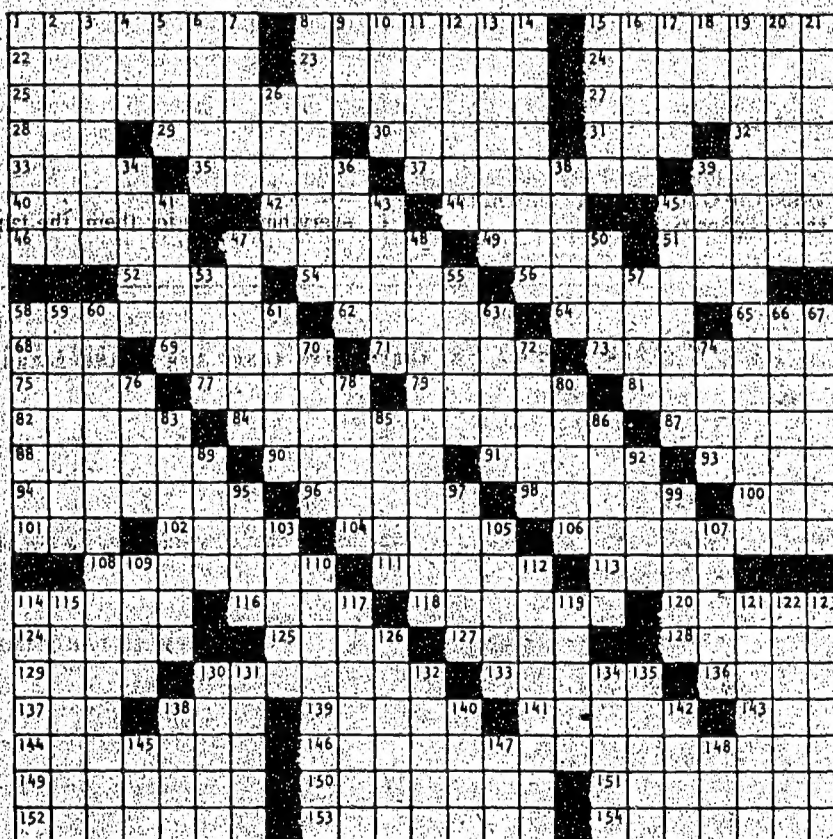
149. Former

150. Desert hermit

151. Exclusive

152. Matriculated

153. Mournful



primitive poem

154. Radiators or pistols

quote

20. Synchronized signals

21. Gruesome: var.

26. Small mesa

34. Hair net

36. Bay window

38. Southern holly: var.

39. Skill: Sp.

41. Plucks the strings: Scots

43. European thrush

45. Guilty one

47. Spirals

48. Eerie nautical light

50. — Canal

53. Hardens

55. Jan

57. Cote sounds

58. Pillage

59. Biblical liar

60. See 19-down

61. Salisbury, e.g.

63. A pinch of

66. Central

67. Comic strip character

70. Minnesota

village

72. Willow

74. Alfonso's queen, et al.

76. — sphere

78. Stupid ones

80. Faux pas

83. Trays

85. Astro's milieu

86. Enchase

89. Gaseous element

92. That one L

95. Disencumbers

97. Lifting device

99. Female name: pl.

103. Discourage

105. Fiddle or fire

107. Common people

109. Equal

110. Savors

112. Nautical ways

114. Corded lace fringe

115. Hades river

117. Mediterranean resort

119. A — of life

121. Land unit

122. Breathe

123. Renew

interfacing

126. Nested high

130. Gawk

131. Whetted

132. " — call you sweetheart"

134. Black, or fork

135. California Nevada lake

138. Ecology: abbr.

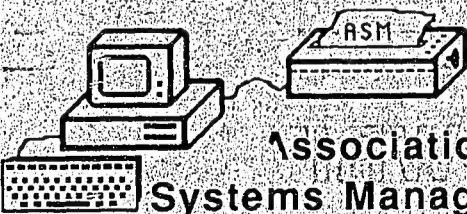
140. B-29, e.g.

142. Bristlelike organ

145. Japanese celery

147. Japanese admiral

148. Still

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Mavs topple No. 1 North Dakota

By STEVE COZAD
Staff Reporter

'Coach can set own standards'

If a coach doesn't want to explain why she kicked someone off the team, that's her prerogative. A basketball team is not run by democracy. It's up to the player to make sure to perform up to the coach's standard. It's not fair but who said life was fair?

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The UNO wrestlers defeated top-ranked North Dakota Saturday after falling victim one day earlier to a fired-up No. 2 North Dakota State squad.

UNO, ranked third in Division II, has never defeated NDSU in North Central Conference dual competition during Maverick Coach Mike Denney's nine-year tenure.

"North Dakota State wrestled to the best of their ability," Denney said of the 24-12 UNO defeat. "With all those fans behind them it was hard to get any momentum going." The attendance at the meet was estimated at 7,500 by NDSU officials.

The Mavs improved to 9-1 overall with the weekend split, 4-1 in the NCC.

UNO lost the first four matches by major decisions before it got on track against the Bison, Denney said.

Larry Thompson, at 150 pounds, and Brad Hildebrandt, 158, won their matches and Jeff Randall, 167, wrestling for the first time since injuring his knee, drew 1-1 to lead a UNO comeback.

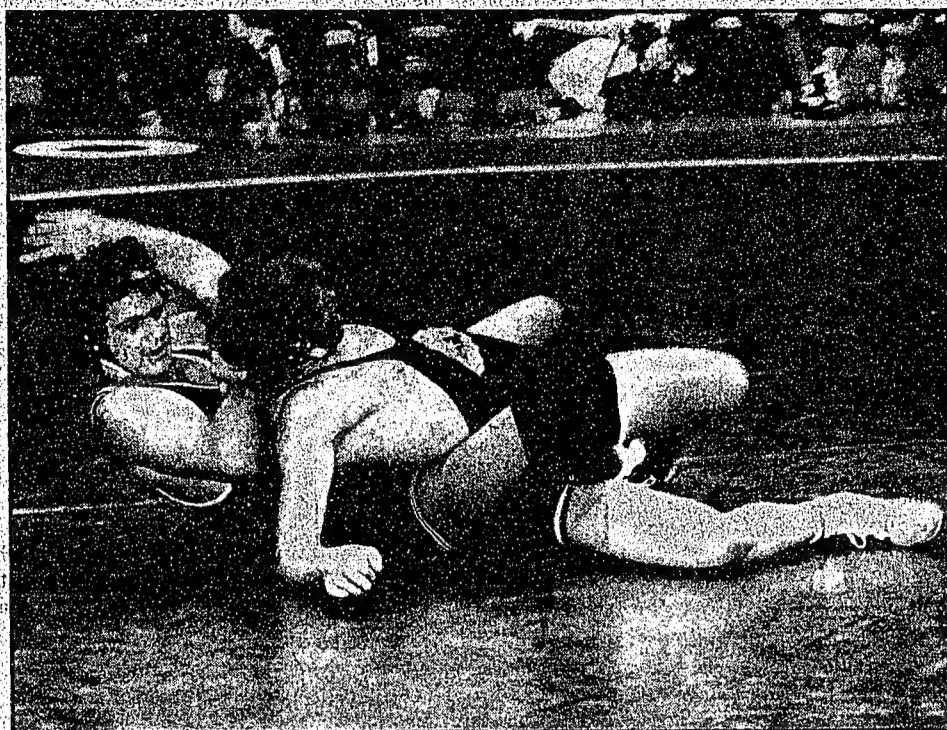
Three-time All-American R.J. Nebe, 177, lost to second-ranked Pat Johannes 8-7, to end all hope of a Maverick victory. Nebe blamed himself for the defeat.

"My head was not in the match because I've beaten him three times before," Nebe said of the All-American Johannes.

Dave Pippin, 190, and heavyweight Clark Schnepel won their matches, but UNO needed pins from both and a Nebe win to overcome the poor start.

Nebe said the Mavericks were able to use the NDSU loss as a motivator for the match with No. 1 North Dakota.

"The loss got us going for the North Dakota match," Nebe said. "But I thought and still do, that we could beat NDSU. It's just they had everything going for them: the fans, the refs and momentum. It was ridiculous."



— Scot Shugart

UNO All-American Brad Hildebrandt ties his opponent up in a match against Colorado Mines. Hildebrandt is 27-3 on the year.

Steve Jakl pinned North Dakota's Gary Clem in 46 seconds to start the Mavericks off in the right direction against the Fighting Sioux.

"Even though we lost our next three matches, it was a better effort by our lower weight guys than against NDSU, and Steve got us pumped," Denney said.

Larry Thompson defeated Larry Briggs 9-5 at 150, and Hildebrandt, a two-time All-American, tied 1-1 with last year's national champion Kory Mosher to get UNO rolling.

Randall clipped Brent Mosher 6-3. Nebe beat two-time junior college All-American John Richter 8-3 and Pippin posted a 7-5 decision over

Wayne Englebreton at 190. Schnepel capped the 23-12 win with a 2-1 decision over Jair Toedter.

"Dave Pippin wrestled really well for us in both matches," Denney said. "Against NDSU he defeated Matt Palmer, who had won the Wyoming Invitational by pinning his opponent from Oklahoma State."

Oklahoma State won the tournament and NDSU placed second, Denney said.

The Mavericks return to action Friday against No. 19 Augustana and Saturday they entertain Division III's third-ranked Central College. Both duals are at the UNO Fieldhouse.

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Struggling Maverick 'survivors' gain NCC split

By TERRY O'CONNOR
Sports Editor

Participating in UNO basketball is getting to be a dangerous practice.

Senior forward Tom Thompson broke a bone in his hand at practice last Thursday in a collision with freshman center Troy Deane. Thompson is expected to be out at least two weeks. In an earlier practice, sophomore Dan Olson stopped a Bryan Muellner elbow with his teeth, losing four, and missed two games.

The Mavs are not faring much better in games than they are in practice. UNO lost to Northern Colorado 82-79 Friday to run its losing streak to three games before defeating Morningside 88-82 Saturday.

The weekend split left UNO with a 10-6 record overall, 3-4 in the North Central Conference. UNO did move up one notch to seventh in the league race.

"It hurts us a lot," senior guard Bryan Leach said of the loss of the 6-foot-7 Thompson. "We lose a height advantage."

Thompson was replaced in the starting lineup by Reggie Mahone. Mahone, a 6-4 junior from Columbus, Ga., contributed eight points on 4-of-5 shooting from the field in 21 minutes.

Northern Colorado, 9-5 and 4-1, started slowly this year but has been coming on strong. The Bears are tied for first in the NCC with Augustana. Morningside, the team just ahead of UNO in the league standings, fell to 8-8 and

3-3.

Leach said the new lineup played "pretty well" during the weekend but the effort Friday was not good enough to beat a team like Northern Colorado.

"They're playing pretty well right now," Leach said. "They move the ball around and have good balance."

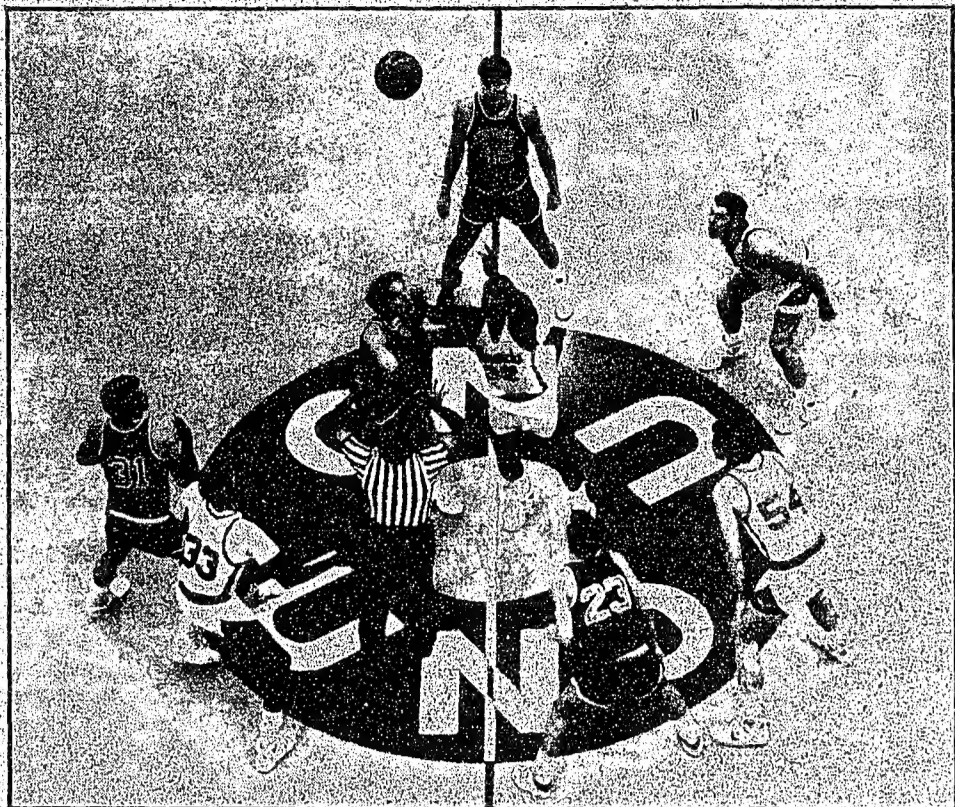
Tedd Sabus and Alan Baer each scored 21 points against UNO while Mike Higgins added 20 and Toby Moser tallied 18. Leach scored a game-high 27 points for the Mavericks, including 5 of 10 three-pointers.

"We didn't play hard enough against Northern Colorado," Leach said. "When we play hard we play good defense. We run more because we get more steals. Our intensity has been down but we got it back against Morningside."

UNO, which was riddled by 57.6-percent shooting against Northern Colorado, held the Maroon Chieftains to 49.2 percent. UNO hit just 45.9 percent against the Bears and improved to 51.6 vs. Morningside.

Leach had 18 points against the Chiefs but the big guns were Muellner and Kevin Avery with 27 apiece. Avery connected on 8 of 10 from the field and a perfect 8 of 8 from the line. Muellner was almost as hot, hitting 11 of 16 from the floor and 5 of 6 from the line.

UNO played Nebraska-Lincoln for the first time in the history of mens basketball Monday and travel to North Dakota for a pair of NCC games this weekend.



—Jared Olson

All eyes are on the ball as the UNO-Northern Colorado game begins.

Lady Mavs unite

By ERIC LINDWALL
Staff Reporter

Starting forward Regina Kolc became the second Lady Mavs basketball player this month to leave the team when she announced Jan. 19 she was quitting.

Kolc's announcement came eight days after senior guard Holly Lynch was dismissed and junior post Carol Wink was suspended for what Coach Cherri Mankenberg described as a problem with priorities.

Said Kolc: "She (Mankenberg) won't tell you this, but it's like your No. 1 priority on the team had better be basketball. School is much more important to me than basketball. I think sometimes that was a conflict because my homework came first."

Mankenberg denied the charge citing the team's excellent GPA and a 95-percent graduation rate.

"We tell the kids that our priorities are family, academics, then basketball," Mankenberg said. "Our team grade-point average is 3.08 and we're very proud of that."

Wink has since been reinstated to the team but Lynch will not return. Mankenberg declined to comment further on the Lynch dismissal saying the matter was closed.

Lynch, however, is not satisfied with the reason given for her dismissal.

"It's so unfair to me; I want a full explanation," Lynch said. "I got about three minutes."

UNO has gone 2-3 since losing Lynch, but Mankenberg said the team has pulled together.

UNO rolls to easy non-conference wins

By KEITH FAUR
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The Lady Mavs posted two blow-out wins this weekend despite the loss of two key contributors.

After suffering two losses on the road last weekend, UNO blasted Doane College 80-63 Wednesday, and the College of St. Mary 81-58, Saturday in the Fieldhouse.

UNO Coach Cherri Mankenberg released senior guard Holly Lynch Jan. 11, and starting junior forward Regina Kolc quit the team Wednesday, Mankenberg said. Kolc's departure was a surprise.

"Regina came to me and said she just wasn't happy playing basketball for us," Mankenberg said. "I was surprised at her action, but I'll respect her decision."

Kolc, a six-footer from Millard North, was averaging 7.2 points and 4.1 rebounds through the first 14 games this year.

Mankenberg said the team pulled together despite all the distractions. UNO improved to 10-6 overall and remained 2-3 in the North Central Conference after the two non-conference wins.

"Practice has been good and aggressive," Mankenberg said. "There are nine live ones playing now."

Against 12-5 Doane, the Lady Mavs shot 52.9 percent from the field, passed the ball well inside, and led by 20 points most of the game.

Junior center Kathy Van Diepen led all scorers with a career-high 20 points. Senior All-American Laura J. Anderson added 19 points and 10 rebounds.

Forward Staci Hass paced Doane with 15 points, UNO guard Jill Dau, the second-leading Lady Mavs' scorer,

notched 17 points and eight assists.

"I feel the keys in the game were our 10 steals and our total control of the game," Mankenberg said.

Senior Jena Janovy had four steals. Julie Johnston and Wendy Millard snagged two each. Millard, a freshman, replaced Kolc in the starting lineup and had five points and three rebounds.

"I am pleased and proud of the girls," Mankenberg said. "We played an aggressive man-to-man defense and had some good fast breaks. Doane is a fine team."

UNO met Mankenberg's goal of "playing our game" Saturday night against 5-9 St. Marys.

The inside play of Anderson, Van Diepen, Laura Larson and Millard was too much for the Flames.

Anderson finished with 20 points and seven rebounds to lead the Lady Mavs. Van Diepen hit for nine, Larson had 12 and Millard scored seven.

Dau said she had her "sights set on the hoop" as she loaded up 18 points and 10 assists.

Johnston came off the bench to hit 11 points and grab four steals.

On defense, Janovy snatched five steals and on offense, dished out eight assists.

"I thought Jena had a good game of making things happen," Mankenberg said.

"They tried to shut-down our inside game early, but failed," Mankenberg said. "They are a good, scrappy little team."

St. Mary's was led by sophomore Pam Courtney. The point guard from Omaha played the entire 40 minutes and finished with 20 points.

This weekend, the Lady Mavs play North Dakota Friday and North Dakota State Saturday.

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